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of cases of chicken pox decreased from 14 to 7, now under treatment. Nothing of note occurred in shipping circles.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended June 16, 1900.

Infectious diseases—	
Dysentery.....	25
Malarial fever.....	12
Tuberculosis.....	11
Tetanus.....	2
Puerperal fever.....	1
Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	93
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	8
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	4
Diseases of the nervous system.....	4
Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.).....	45
Total.....	205
Births during the same period.....	40

PONCE, P. R., June 25, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended June 23, 1900: Five vessels arrived from foreign ports and 4 bills of health were issued. The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay* was held in quarantine, her bill of health from Barranquilla showing 5 cases of yellow fever at that port. She left for San Juan the same day without landing any passengers or freight. The steamship *Maria Herrera* arrived disinfected at Santiago and was admitted to pratique, having no nonimmunes on board.

There are still under treatment 2 cases of smallpox and 6 cases of chicken pox, no new cases having appeared during the week.

One case of leprosy under detention died in the hospital; the other case under detention escaped some time ago.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Jamaica quarantine against Porto Rico withdrawn.

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, copies of correspondence between myself and Her British Majesty's consul regarding a quarantine till recently maintained against this island by the government of Jamaica.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

July 13, 1900

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[Inclosure No. 1.]

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that the island of Jamaica still holds in force a quarantine against the island of Porto Rico, thereby causing considerable inconvenience to vessels bound for ports of Jamaica but desiring to call by ports of Porto Rico.

So far as quarantinable diseases are concerned, the general health of this island is good. The island is entirely free from all quarantinable diseases, with the exception of occasional sporadic cases of smallpox, which are always promptly isolated and reported.

The quarantine service of this island is under the control of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, the Service which has control of all national quarantine stations in the United States, and has been now for more than a year. This Service is enforcing the United States Quarantine Laws and Regulations as far as possible, and is making every effort to prevent the introduction of any epidemic disease. The bills of health, issued at the various ports by this Service, are at present clean and there is every prospect that they will continue so.

Allow me to add that we are not making any attempt to conceal anything. We have exceptional opportunities for keeping well informed on the general health of the island, and if any quarantinable disease should occur in the island it will be, in accordance with our usual methods, promptly reported.

For these reasons I respectfully request that you submit the matter to the quarantine authorities of Jamaica, and use your influence to have the quarantine against Porto Rico discontinued.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Chief Quarantine Officer, Porto Rico.

Hon. W. B. CHURCHWARD, *H. B. M. Consul, San Juan, P. R.*

[Inclosure No. 2.]

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 27, 1900.

SIR: With reference to your letter to me in the middle of May last, duly brought to the notice of his excellency, the governor of Jamaica, concerning the maintenance by that island of a quarantine against Porto Rico, I have the pleasure to forward you a copy of an answer which I have received this morning and trust that it will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

W. B. CHURCHWARD,
H. B. M. Consul.

Dr. LAVINDER,
Chief Quarantine Officer, San Juan, P. R.

JAMAICA, June 7, 1900.

SIR: I am desired by the officer administering the Government to inform you in reply to your letter dated the 19th ultimo that the notification issued by this Government in 1894 declaring the island of Porto Rico to be an infected place within the meaning of the quarantine laws of this island was withdrawn by his excellency on the 9th ultimo.

Respectfully,

SIDNEY OLIVER,
Assistant Colonial Secretary.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL, *Porto Rico.*

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, June 25, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of transactions at Glasgow for the week ended June 23, 1900: On June 21 the steamship *Anchoria* sailed for New York. Twenty-three first-cabin, 49 second-cabin and 84 steerage passengers were inspected and passed. Ten bundles of bedding were disinfected and 6 bundles held for disinfection. Three vessels with cargo cleared during the week. The weekly sanitary report shows 66 cases of smallpox and 1 case of typhus fever. I inclose the weekly abstract of bills of health issued.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*